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**100TH
YEAR**

Services Held for Academic V-Pres.

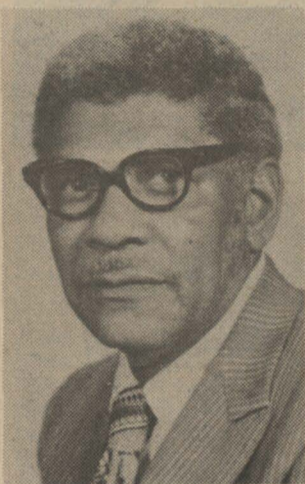
Funeral services were held on January 23 for Dr. George R. Ragland, 61-year old vice president for academic affairs at Prairie View A&M University who was killed on Wednesday, January 18 in a two-car collision near Cypress.

The Reverend Robert Moore, vicar at St. Francis Episcopal Church, where Ragland had been officer and member for years, officiated. Earlier a memorial service was held on campus for the accident victim and his body laid in state in the university fieldhouse for viewing by students, staff and friends.

Interment was in the Prairie View Memorial Cemetery.

An employee at Prairie View since 1955, Ragland served as a sociology professor, department head, registrar and academic dean before being named vice-president in 1975. He was a native of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and held degrees from Langston University and the Iowa State University.

He also served as sociology department head at Texas College (1946-1955) and at Alabama A&M University and was superintendent of the Deaf, Blind and Orphan Institute in Talf, Oklahoma.



Dr. George Ragland

The Oklahoma Native was a member of P. Gamma Mu Sociology Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Delta and Sigma Rho Sigma Social Science Fraternities. He was a life of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

He is survived by a son, Robert of Kansas City, Missouri, grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

Memorial funds in the name of Dr. George R. Ragland have been established at St. Francis Episcopal Church and at Prairie View A&M (Scholarship).

Memorial Services Held For Engineering Student

A memorial service for Kenneth Wayne Tryels was held Thursday, January 26 in the Memorial Center.

Tryels, a senior, mechanical engineering major from Houston, died in a Houston hospital on January 24, 1978. He was 21

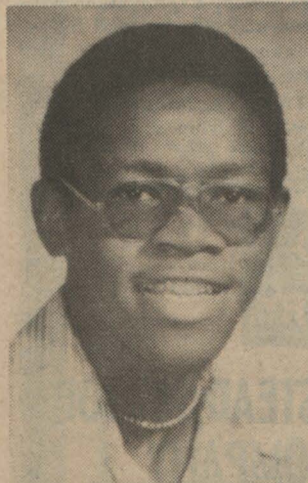
years of age and was expecting to graduate in May.

The service was sponsored by Delta Theta and Alpha Sigma Sigma Chapters of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., and Omega Gamma and Epsilon Lambda Zeta Chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Tryels (or "Keebler," as he was called) was serving a vice president of the undergraduate Sigma chapter.

Reverend Cube Charleston presided at the service and presented the Eulogy. Tributes were presented by Debra Norman, Ell-roy Stevenson, Pauline Bonner, J. R. Phillips, Veniser Turner, Quintin Bullard, Delanise Brigham, Debra Viltz and Carleton Adams.

Other programs participants included Robert Deese, Carl Moses and Dr. Otis Webster.

Mr. Tryels is survived by his parents, the Reverend and Mrs. Charlie Tryels, two brothers, four sisters and a large number of other relatives and friends.



Kenneth Tryels

Influenza Cases Reach Near Epidemic Stage at PV

By Jo Ann Alderson

While the incidence of influenza is subsidiary it has been confirmed that last week the number of flu cases reported was of epidemic proportions.

ON Thursday, January 26 Dr. Emery Owens, medical director stated that the epidemic had declined. His advice to students was to avoid crowds, except for the attendance of classes. "About the only precaution a person can take is to keep distance from someone with obvious symptoms," the doctor advised.

Student Health Service

physician Dr. Lynn Gibbs indicated that roughly 600 students had the flu symptoms and out of the 600, 200 had been treated in the hospital.

The type of influenza was called Victorian-A Texas Strain. The symptoms of this illness are elevated temperatures (of 103 degrees or above), lower and upper back pains, sore throat (complaints), chest pains, (by coughing), red eyes, and sniffing. "There is absolutely no cure for the illness; the only treatment is to treat the symptoms," said Dr. Lynn Gibbs.

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Ag Career Day Program Set

The second Annual Career Day Program sponsored by the College of Agriculture is scheduled on February 4, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

According to Dr. F. L. Richards, agriculture dean, the college is expecting some sixty or more high school students in vocational agriculture to attend the one day meet.

Career Opportunities in Agriculture is the theme of the program. A film presentation

entitled "New Horizons" will highlight the theme.

Visiting speakers and consultants will include D. Humphrey, recruitment officer, Texas Crops and Livestock Reporting Service; Milton Whiting, County supervisor; Farmers Home Administration; S. B. Nix, personnel officer, Soil Conservation Service; and W. Kulon, Ag. Education supervisor, Texas Education Agency.

Ministers Conference Set February 7-8

According to The Reverend W. Van Johnson, Dean of Chapel at Prairie View A&M University, The 20th Annual Ministers' Conference will convene at Prairie View A&M University on February 7-8.

The Conference will begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Memorial Student Center Building. The focus of the conference is "RELIGION AND MORAL VALUES." The Conference will attract over 400 Black Ministers across the State. The purpose of the conference is "A Continuing Education Conference for Ministers. The Conference is Interdenominational.

January 1, 1978 will mark the beginning of the Centennial Year for Prairie View A&M University. Prairie View will be commemorating its 100th year Anniversary.

The Key Note Speakers for the Conference will be:

Dr. P. L. Rowe, First Baptist Church Chelsea, Memphis, Tennessee.

Bishop George J. Leake, Bishop, (not shown), A.M.E. Zion Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Special guest lecturer: Dr. Frederick G. Sampson, Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Dr. Jerry W. Ford, Bethel

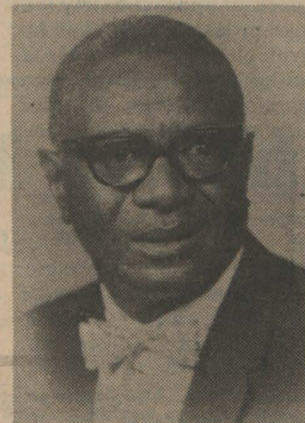
A.M.E. Church, San Francisco, California.

The Reverend Jesse L.

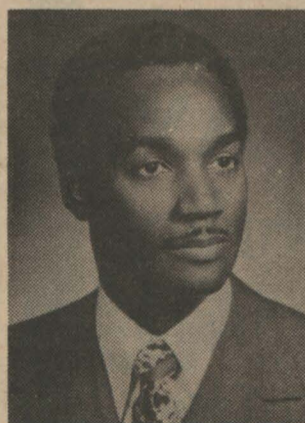
Jackson, Director, Operation Push, Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Bennie E. Goodwin, Sr.,

Interdenominational Theological Center, Church of God In Christ, Atlanta, Georgia.



Rev. N. Godfrey



Rev. Bennie Goodwin



Dr. J. W. Ford



Rev. Jessie Jackson



Dr. Pleasant Lawson



Dr. Frederick Sampson



GIFT FOR FACULTY DEVELOPMENT - Visiting engineering instructor Gary C. Griesbach and ALCOA representative presents a \$10,000 check from the ALCOA Foundation to support Faculty Development at Prairie View A&M, Dr. A. I. Thomas accepts the funds as continuing assistance for ALCOA.

Centennial Kick-Off Banquet January 27

The first major public event commemorating the Centennial year at Prairie View A&M was held Friday evening, January 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Shamrock-Hilton in Houston.

A large number of special friends of the University joined with alumni, students, administrators and staff in the \$25-per plate Dinner meeting which drew close to 1000 participants. The events was strongly supported by companies representing major business and industry, most of whom are already working with the university's Cluster program.

President A. I. Thomas presided during the program which featured special Centennial salutes to the university by representatives of administration, alumni, faculty, and students. Texas A&M University System Regents chairman Clyde H. Wells and Chancellor Jack K. Williams spoke for the administration. Herbert Mel-

ton, principal of Jack Yates representing the alumni; Dr. Burnis L. Johnston, the faculty; and Kenneth Edmondson spoke for students.

Governor and Mrs. Dolph Briscoe lauded Prairie View brief appearance and Gov. Briscoe lauded Prairie View high for its achievements, and contributions to Texas. He pledged himself and called on all Texans to work in helping Prairie View carry out its objections in the years to come.

Dr. E. Joahanne Thomas, chairman of the English Department at Prairie View, presented "The Occasion, Recent music graduates Joan Holbert of Houston, Dr. Danny Kelley, Baltimore, Md, and Dorceal Duckens, Washington, D.C. were featured in a musical segment of the program. Dr. O. A. Fuller, composer of the words for the present Alma Mater song and former chairman of the Department of

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UNIVERSITY GIFT — Exxon Company, USA is represented by Dr. David Scott, Jr. who presents a \$7000 gift to the university and accepted by President A. I. Thomas.

Recent Grad Appointed to Information Staff

Frank White, III, a 1975 graduate of Prairie View A&M University, has been appointed director of the News Bureau, a part of the division of University Information Services, Dr. Alvin I. Thomas,

president at Prairie View, announced.

In the new position, White will be responsible for the release of news and information to the press and electronic media. Information Services at Prairie View include publications, sports informations, photography, advertising, internal communications, and external public affairs.

Centennial—

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Music, gave remarks and led in the singing of "Dear Prairie View" at the close of the program.

Other program participants were Rev. W. V. Johnson, dean of the Chapel and Dr. Robert Henry, head, department of music.

Special features also included the unveiling of the Centennial Seal which was enlarged in lights on a background of huge color photos of campus activities — then and now, and a colorful souvenir booklet highlighting the 100th year celebration and goals "into the Second Century."

Hempstead-PV Lions Club

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Math-Chemistry Students Chosen For NSF Project

Mathematics and chemistry students at Prairie View A&M University will be chosen for a ten-week "Undergraduate Research Participation" project, which has been funded by a \$21,600 grant from the National Science Foundation.

The grant, effective throughout 1978, is the first of its kinds for Prairie View A&M.

Based on a proposal written by mathematics associate professor Willie E. Taylor, director of the project, and chemistry associate professor John C. Williams, assistant director, the project is designed to provide challenging opportunities for undergraduates to participate in ongoing research programs.

Twelve students will be recruited from minority colleges in Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. Since Prairie View confers the Masters degree in Mathematics and Chemistry, five of the participants will come from schools which have limited active research programs.

Selected students most likely will be juniors and seniors who have demonstrated interest and potential for careers in mathematics and chemistry.

Each of the twelve participants will receive \$90 per week for personal expenses over the ten-week period. The remaining half of the grant will be used to cover operating costs, much of which will come from staff salaries and travel, laboratory and instructional materials, and field trips. So that students may be exposed to role models and practicing professionals involved in research in industrial and government laboratory settings, arrangements have been made for field trips to the Johnson Spacecraft Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at Clear Lake, Texas and to the Westhollow Research Center of Shell Oil Company.

Mathematics students will be involved with differential equations, whereas chemistry students may choose projects in physical chemistry, bio-chemistry. Each student will be required to present a technical report, of approximately ten pages in length, which will be developed directly under a faculty advisor. Dr. Evelyn Thornton, associate professor mathematics, has been chosen as supervisor for the mathematics students.

Channel 13 Houston) the same year.

White's education at Prairie View helped form a family tradition. He sought to emulate his mother, Mrs. Delores M. Lott (Woods), who also received the Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Prairie View, in 1951.

Industrial Tech Students Receive Scholarships

The College of Industrial Education and Technology is proud to announce the awarding of scholarships to five students. Five Freshman students majoring in Drafting and Design Technology were awarded scholarships 1977-78 school year. Each student received five-hundred dollars which was made possible through grants presented to the College by the Kaiser Aluminum Co. Gramercy, LA.

The Drafting Technology Students Who Received Scholarships are: Gregory J. Mayo: from Houston, Texas. Gregory received several awards in drafting and was a member of many leadership organizations at Forest Brook High School in Houston.

Gregory's main objective is to become an Industrial Designer. Another goal is to become one of the best designers in order to open new opportunities for other Blacks and minorities in this field.

Debbie Faye Jones: from Port Arthur, Texas. Ms. Jones is listed in the 1977 edition of Who's Who Among High School students. While attending Lincoln High School at Port Arthur, she was a member of the Senior National Honor Society as well as, many other leadership organizations. Debbie stated that her reason for enrolling at Prairie View was, she felt the University offered the best curriculum which would enable her to achieve her goal of becoming productive and successful in the field of Drafting and Design.

Montie Ray Kennard: from Ft. Worth, Texas. Montie attended Polytechnic High School at Ft. Worth where he was an outstanding football player. He also receive awards for perfect attendance. He decided to attend Prairie View because of influence from two older brothers who are successful Prairie View graduates. Montie stated, "My objective is to enter a profession related to Drafting and Design and to establish a path for others to follow."

David Wayne Sennet: from Beaumont, Texas. David attended Hebert High at Beaumont where he received awards for outstanding work in Drafting and Design. He was also an outstanding baseball player and made all district his last two years in High School. David said, "I decided to attend Prairie View because I was impressed with the Drafting and Design courses offered."

He hopes to enter a profession related to Drafting and Design or to play professional baseball.

Mary Catherine Berry, Jr.: from Houston, Texas. Mary graduated from E. E. Worthing High School in Houston. While

at Worthing she was a member of the Office Education Association and was also a member of the Student Council. She is also listed in the 1977 edition of Who's Who Among High School Students.

Mary came to Prairie View in May of 1977 as a participant in the Experiment in Living Program sponsored by Mr. Robert Gibson. When asked about her main goal, she stated, "My goal is to graduate from Prairie View in 1980." "I want to take my knowledge and put it to use in industry."



Gregory Mayo



Debbie Faye Jones



Montie Ray Kennard



David Wayne Sennet



Mary Catherine Berry

National Teacher Exams Scheduled February 18

Prospective teachers who plan to take the National Teacher Examinations on February 18, 1978, at Prairie View A&M University were reminded today that they have less than two weeks to register with Educational Testing Service (ETS) of Princeton, NJ.

Dr. George H. Stafford, Director said registrations must be mailed in time to reach ETS no later than January 26. Registration forms and instructions may be obtained from Dr.

Sigas Bring Help for Needy

The Alpha Sigma Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., Prairie View, Texas, gave \$81.00 worth of groceries to the families of Mr. Ray Hill and Mrs. Lula Body of Hempstead, Texas. The families appreciated the gifts and expressed their gratitude to the group for their thoughtfulness.

Stafford, Director Counseling Services or directly from the National Teacher Examinations, ETS, Box 911, Princeton, NJ 08540. On-the-spot registration is not permitted.

During the one-day testing session, a registrant may take the Common Examinations, which include tests in professional and general education, plus one of the 26 Area Examinations designed to probe knowledge of particular subject matter and teaching methods.

Once registered, each candidate will receive an admission ticket and notification of the exact location of the center at which to report. Those taking the Common Examinations will report at 8:30 a.m., and finish at about 12:30 p.m., Dr. Stafford said.

Area Examinations are scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to about 4:15 p.m.

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Elec. Engineering Student Receives Scholarship

Ms. Patrice Jackson, a junior in the Electrical Engineering Program at Prairie View is one of three scholarship recipients selected from the Detroit Edison 1977 summer program. Ms. Jackson competed against twenty-eight engineering students from universities throughout the United States. The students were assigned individual engineering projects as a part of their summer experience at Edison.

The completed projects were reviewed by a committee who selected three finalists on the basis of subject difficulty, technical competence and work performance evaluations.

Each of the finalists received a \$300 tuition scholarship and a Certificate of Achievement. Milton Hill of the Detroit Edison Company presented the Certificate of Achievement to Ms. Jackson at the Centennial Kickoff, January 27, 1978.



UNIVERSITY RELATIONS — President and Mrs. A. I. Thomas are greeted by Mrs. Sam K. Seymour, Jr., wife of the President of Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Association during a celebration staged by the agency in Columbus, Texas last Sunday. An estimated 1000 persons were on hand for the occasion marking the attainment of \$100 million in assets by the association. The Seymours are longtime friends of PV, having served on the university's Centennial Council.

Bottom photo shows Mr. Seymour making historical announcement.

Kappa Delta Pi Holds Initiation

On December 13, 1977, the Mu Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi at Prairie View A&M University held an initiation of new members.

Dr. Gwendolyn Grossman, member and Mr. C. F. Randle, counselor and member were the faculty members present to aid in the induction of the new members. The undergraduate members present were: Adda Baity, and Scharee King.

Our newly inducted members were Dianne Green, Linda G. Price, Florence Robbins, Beverly Teal and Belva Zonice.

We welcome our new Kadelphians to our Chapter and ask that they accept the challenges that education has to offer with open arms to become the finest educators in the country.

C. F. Randle, Counselor

Hempstead-PV Lions Club Holds Founders Day

District Governor Vernon Carmichael and Lt. Governor Bowman visits the Hempstead-Prairie View Lions Clubs as it held its 5th Annual Lions Club Founders Day program Sunday 1978 at 2:30 p.m. in the Greater St. Peters Baptist Church and given in honor of late Lion F. E. Boozer.

The program proved to be a great success as the history of the club portrayed many events that the organization has done for the entire community, the zone, the district and even nationally.

Lion President A. T. Daniel

outlined the calendar of events that will take place throughout the 1978 fiscal year, after which the gala affair was topped off with a luncheon at K.C. Steak House for the District Governor, his cabinet and many Hempstead Prairie View Lions.

A check was also passed on by the club to be given to Mrs. Cecelia Moman who was recently burned out during the Christmas holidays as a gesture of her speedy recovery.

Security Department

Construction and excavation on campus have made parking a problem and also created a hazardous condition.

The department is asking that everyone curtail movement of vehicles and not to park in a manner that will cause congestion, block streets and passageways for firetrucks and emergency vehicles. Students are asked not to drive their cars to the Alumni Hall for meals.

This has long created congestion and parking problems (ex. double sometimes triple parking, blocking other vehicles, illegal parking to mention a few).

Everyone is reminded that tickets will be issued and sometimes the vehicle will be towed away at the owners expense (\$50.00 towing fees). Your cooperation will greatly be appreciated.

ASCE Planning Big Centennial Celebration

The Prairie View Students Chapter of American Society of Civil Engineering planned to be totally involved in the commemoration of the University 100th year Anniversary with various activities planned for the entire year of 1978.

This announcement was made by Mr. Claude Croder, President of the PV ASCE Student Chapter at the general meeting of the Engineering Society last week.

The PV ASCE Student Chapter have made tremendous contribution to the academic and social progress of its members since the inception of the Society here in 1965 and since the full Chapter Status was granted in 1966. The ASCE have also been very active in all the activities organized by the ASCE both at Local and National level.

Every year, the Student Chapter here at Prairie View organize Seminars, Film Show, Picnics, arrange for Field Trips to Local Construction Sites and attend most of ASCE Local and National Meetings. They also participate in the Fall and Spring Student Chapter Conferences organized by the Texas Section of ASCE.

As in the past, this year, they will conduct their annual paper contest in February, as a kick-off for their plan in the involvement of Prairie View A&M University's Centennial Celebration. The Winner of this paper contest will represent Prairie View A&M University at the paper contest by Houston Branch of ASCE during March, 1978, and by the Texas Section at Conroe during April, 1978.

From the last couple of years, the members have tried their skill in building a concrete canoe and have contested in the "Concrete Canoe Race" organized by the Texas Branch of ASCE. All these activities made them a very active and educative organization on the Campus.

Dr. R. N. S. Rao, Professor and Chairman of Civil Engineering Department at the College of Engineering explains that all the activities in which the Students are involved are to encourage them to continue growing and to provide assignments whose visible results can bring them the recognition they need as future Professional Engineers and Productive People of the Society.

Professor C. T. Luke of the Faculty of Civil Engineering is the Advisor of the ASCE Student Chapter here at Prairie View.

By: Matthew Ade. Shoyebo
ASCE-REPORTER

Mental Health Association Seeks Volunteers

The President of the Mental Health Association in Texas today announced that the association will be recruiting Bellringer chairpersons to benefit mental health.

President Shirley K. Camfield said that a chairperson will be recruited in Prairie View.

Past Chairperson for the house-to-house drive for mental health was Rachael Poindexter.

The Mental Health Association is a non-profit, voluntary citizens activist group. The association lobbies for better mental health care at the state and national level.

The Mental Health Association also provides free information to the public on mental health topics. For information write to: Mental Health Association in Texas, 103 Lantern Lane, Austin, Texas 78731.

The Mental Health Association receives no government funds. All support comes from private donations such as those received from Bellringer drives.

Influenza—

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All students who have symptoms of influenza should report to the University Health Center for diagnosis and treatment. After the student has seen the physician he or she should follow the physician's instructions.

Any student in need of transportation to the Health Center should contact his or her senior fellow, junior fellow or residence hall manager.

SUMMIT TALK

Of the named mountain summits in the United States, a total of 89 are over 14,000 feet above sea level; 80 per cent of these summits are in Alaska and Colorado.

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Developing Tenacity of Purpose for Achievement

By: Matthew Ade. Shoyebo
Panther Staff Writer

We sometimes say "Nothing succeeds like success." And many feel there is an equally true opposite: "Nothing fails like failure."

These are the depressed and disheartened, for whom disappointment seems to crowd upon disappointment. Coveted jobs pass to someone else. The examination is failed again and again. First, one cherished love affairs and then another comes to nothing. Such situations can lead to the feeling: "Is it any good going on?" However, the answer should always be "YES!" According to an illustration give by President A. I. Thomas a couple of day ago, on how we can think in a positive way and attain success. "Many people go through life very unhappy simply because they have lost faith in themselves." "They doubt their ability to succeed in anything they attempt," said President Thomas.

This is often due to upbringing. Many young people have never been encouraged to develop self-confidence. It is also built up by a pattern of hesitation and doubt which has become engrained. If these people are to find happiness, a rebuilding is necessary.

Fortunately, the President of this progressive University, Dr. A. I. Thomas has shown us often and often in many of his speeches the way to success, and it is never too late to begin.

We are not unique in our experience of failure. Failure has an unfortunate way of appearing to isolate us. In its toils we tend to think only of those who have succeeded, not of the many who have also failed. We think of failure as peculiar to ourselves, but, in fact, it is the common lot of man.

There are few, if any, to whom life really comes easily. Even the people whom we speak of as having been born with a silver spoon in their

mouths do not usually have it all their own way.

It is often the same with the famous and successful. We see only the more glamorous side of their lives and forget that fame can bring its own difficulties, strain, professional jealousy, the lace of a private life. So, first, let us get rid of our self-pity, and realize that struggle even of a different sort, is present in all the lives we envy. It is part of the character of human existence. And though if we let it, it can depress and destroy, it is also the power which can uplift men to triumph.

Life is a struggle, and whatever we may think, it would lose its zest and worth if it were not. So Brothers and Sisters, let us meet its challenge in this our Centennial Year with relish and not with resentment. We can do it, if we have the will, and the way will follow.

NOAA Corps Recruiter to Visit Campus February 2

A representative from the NOAA Corps, one of the Nation's seven uniformed services, will interview science and engineering majors February 2 at Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas.

The NOAA consists of more than 350 men and women officers who assist the U.S. Commerce Department's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in studies of the total physical environment of the earth, including the use of ocean resources, monitoring and predicting of conditions in the atmosphere, oceans, and space, and the consequences of environmental modification.

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Good Men Who Did Great Things

The nation lost two good people this month.

Both Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota and Senator Lee Metcalf of Montana were champions of "the little guy" — the common man. Their deaths just over a week apart during the congressional recess will leave a void in the U.S. Senate that will be felt especially deeply in Black America.

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SIGMAS OBSERVE FOUNDERS DAY — Undergraduate leaders greet Dr. McNeil, principal speaker for the Sunday afternoon program.

George R. Ragland Jr. - - - In Retrospect

As four of us sat in his office on Monday evening, little did we know that one week later George would no longer be with us. Nor, yet on Tuesday morning, when I last spoke to him by telephone had the urgency of the hour become apparent. His parting words as we terminated the call were "Thank you, Flossie." As he uttered these words, I somehow sensed a magnitude of sincerity and appreciation for my offer of assistance which surpassed anything in the past. I thought about this briefly as I placed the telephone in its cradle. Then I turned my attention to the work on my desk.

It was such glimpses behind the facade that he wore in the execution of the duties of his office which enabled one to know, to admire and to appreciate the real "George." He was fond of growing things — of plants and flowers. Often he compared notes to insure that his efforts and yours did not fall into the "brown thumb" category. He was attuned to water level, intensity of light and plant food. The white chrysanthemum was his favorite. How well I remember his comment when once I lamented the condition of my plants. He said, "Chrysanthemums do not like wet feet." It was white chrysanthemums that he sent upon the passing of my mother.

A thorough, demanding yet fair teacher, he readily taught a seven-thirty graduate class to make it possible for the students to graduate on schedule. Students through the years have lauded his competence, his diligence, his presence. He rarely missed a class. Home Economics students who enrolled in his course in The Family were often heard to remark "He's hard but he's fair." "We work hard but we learn a lot." What better

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Recruited from college graduating classes, candidates for the NOAA Corps receive basic officer training in the Commerce Department's Maritime Academy at Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

Students interested in discussing additional career benefits with the NOAA Corps recruiter should contact their placement officer so that an interview can be scheduled.

testimony for a job well done.

George loved Prairie View and worked tirelessly for the achievement of its goals and objectives. He would beam with pride when a particular activity was successful. He would work all the more fervently when an activity fell short of its mark. Many were the days when I sat across the table as we worked to "polish" statements, to analyze their import, to synthesize ideas. Sometimes when it seemed that we had exhausted all ideas and still the task was incomplete, we would pause to refresh ourselves. It was during these times that we would draw upon poetry and famous quotations. A line here, a word there. It seemed that he knew every poem or quote that anyone else knew. We would laugh and, once again, it was back to the task at hand.

He was a sensitive man and a somewhat private person. It was only on rare occasions that one was able to grasp in depth some concept of his frustrations, his anxieties, his dreams. When you did, you marvelled at his strength. The tenacity with which he conducted himself can, perhaps, best be understood against the backdrop of his Black ancestry and his American Indian heritage — and then only by those of us who share this heritage in common.

My experiences with George were not always as pleasant as those recounted thus far. Once when I made an urgent and justifiable request, he said, "I am not going to take action on that matter and there's nothing that you can do about it!" Not one to be put off so forcefully, I responded "Oh yes, there is something that can be done about it" and placed the telephone in its cradle a bit heavily. Some time later, he apologized. We laughed about it. Sometimes, it was I who had to apologize. Whereupon he would respond, "I accept that."

This is becoming too long. I can hear George saying "You have only so many lines and so many spaces and there is just no way to fit all those words into that slot!" "And besides, we have to get this to the printer's immediately!" To which I would respond, "I am almost finished!" And I am almost finished — reminiscing — remembering the good times and the bad. These lines of Susan Coolidge seem most appropriate as I draw this to a close:

Life seems too little when life is past,
And the memories of sorrow

Sigmas Celebrate Its 64th Anniversary

The men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. celebrated our sixty-fourth anniversary. The keynote speaker for the occasion was Brother Dr. Alvin J. McNeil, Past National President of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. His topic of address was "Sigma Men Build the Bridges to the Eighty's." He went on to elaborate to the brothers of Sigma and the many guests that attended.

We also paid tribute to several brothers who had exceptional contributions during years work and other activities. The outstanding Sigma of the year for our graduate brothers was honored and the recipient was "Brother Horace Saint Jullian," and undergraduate brothers "Timothy Trahan" and "Ken-

flee so fast,

And the woes which were bitter to you and me

Shall vanish as raindrops which fall in the sea;

And all that has hurt us shall be made good,

And the puzzles which hindered be understood,

And the long, hard march through the wilderness bare

Seem but a day's journey when once we are there.

Somehow I thought I should let you know something of the George R. Ragland whom I knew. And now, in similar manner, as he concluded that final telephone call, "Thank you," George, for your lessons in friendship, humility, tenacity and patience. But most of all — Thank you, George, for having come our way.

Flossie Marian Byrd
Dean, College of
Home Economics

neth Tryles.' Their selection was based on their outstanding merit. Brother Tryles holds the position of Vice-President and Brother Trahan holds the position of Treasurer. Other brothers that were honored were Brother Leroy Williams and Brother Ronald Thompson because they excelled in the field of academics and were the brothers that had the highest academic averages. We also paid tribute to all our brothers and sisters and guests who attended our celebration.

Reporter, "Velvet"

Welcome Back

The Brothers of the Eta Gamma Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. take this opportunity to welcome all new students to Prairie View. We also wish to welcome back students who have already been in attendance. As we bring in the new year, many of us have made resolution to make this one a memorable year by improving ourselves in our academic, social and other endeavors. This is indeed a worthy effort, but we must further resolve to adhere to these promises and not fall into our old practices of being satisfied with mediocre results. Besides remaining actively involved in student life, the Brothers will continue their efforts of community service. In our efforts to keep tradition of first of all, we realize we must remain servants of all. For it is only through service that we shall transcend all.

For the love of Alpha
Stan Lawrence
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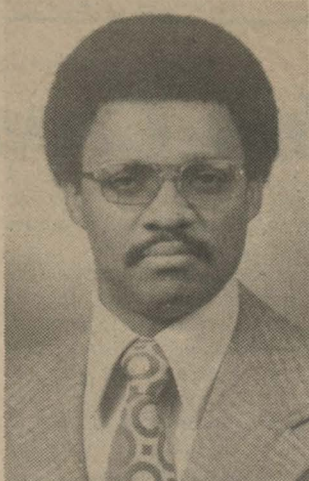
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Eta Kappa Mu

Prairie View A&M University's Zeta Lambda Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu Association is coming out of its semi-dormant state and is once again functioning as a leading Electrical Engineering Student Organization. One of many activities for the remainder of the school year, will be the completion of a graduate school catalog library. When completed, the library will include over 200 catalogs of universities that offer graduate courses in engineering. This type of library will be a tremendous aid to the graduating engineering senior. Other activities include visits to local universities so that the student may gain greater knowledge of the graduate program offered by that university. Members of the Zeta Lambda Chapter are also instrumental in the implementation of an effective tutorial program operating within the College of Engineering. These activities, along with many others, will make the 1977-1978 year a very productive year for our chapter.

Cordially yours,
Ronald Maddox,
Bridge Correspondent

Rhode Island, the nation's smallest state, has the longest official name: "State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations."



TEXACO EMPLOYEE — Joseph D. Dickson has been promoted to Administrative Assistant in the Shipping Division at the Port Arthur Terminal. A graduate of Prairie View A&M University with a bachelor of business administration degree, he began employment with Texaco in 1968 at the local refinery. He names Dallas, Texas, as place of birth. The Dicksons have a son, one daughter, and reside in Port Arthur.

EARLY WAR GASSES

Pitch and sulfur were burned to create suffocating gases during the Peloponnesian War between Sparta and Athens in 431 to 404 B. C., signifying what is believed to have been the introduction of gas in warfare.

Kollar Korner

The Biblical Bedrock of The Church and the Evangelical Process

By
Darnell
L.
Walker



It is evident that the Biblical base for the church, and the goal and process of evangelism is grounded in Jesus and His utterance as it is recorded by St. Matthew, and reinforced by St. Paul in I Corinthians 3:11; Ephesians 2:20f. "... and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail (succeed) against it" (Matt.). I Corinthians reinforces such by the fact that no other foundation can be laid by anyone else. And, Ephesians evidences a continuance of such by the continuance of the household of God with the apostles and prophets of which Jesus was the chief cornerstone. Therefore, He is the Bedrock of the church. Through His life and activities, and the apostles who followed Him, we discover the goal and process of evangelism for which the church must be about.

The Biblical bedrock of Jesus' commission is clearly set forth in St. Matthew 28:16-20, and other complimentary texts: Mark 16:14-18; Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-23; Acts 1:6-8f. Beginning with Matthew, the Biblical base for evangelism, mission or outreach concern is centered within the teachings of Jesus. From Matthew's design we, who are already citizens of the household of God, are to "make" other disciples by "going," "baptizing," and "teaching" them in the name of the "Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." They are to be observant of all things whatsoever He has commanded. In the result, they are to become related to a local institutional (ecclesiastical)

church (ekklesia), as well as the Spiritual Church (Universal).

Hence, there is no excuse for any person to set up a straw man against being a member of the local church which is a part of God's Universal Church as it has appeared to be the excuse by many people. Despite the denominational faith, if one is a part of the body of Christ, they may be a member of any Christian denomination of their choosing; and thus, belong to the Universal Spiritual Church. It is through the local church that we are able to work in a corporate fellowship with other struggling citizen of the household of God. The local ecclesiastical body is the visible body of the Spiritual reality of God. The Biblical base provides the bases for the New Testament Jerusalem Church which spread abroad. Some specific pericopies are: Acts 2:41-47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:1,7; 9:31; 16:5; 20:20. The ultimate goal is for converts to complete the cycle and become reproducing Christians, which makes the evangelical process and goal in the New Testament two-fold, to make: (1) responsible, reproducing Christians, and (2) responsible, reproducing congregation, which are both required within the local church.

This, we can do where ever we are and in what ever setting that we find ourselves as we follow the examples of the first century New Testament Jerusalem Church. As they were dispersed through persecution, they carried their ideal faith of Christ with them, and thus we have what we now understand the Christian religion. Not only can we do such, but we are mandated to do likewise. We, who are followers of Jesus Christ are the visible embodiment of Christ's Spiritual reality. Christ must live in us through our words, conduct, and faith as it is exemplified in the midst of a secular and/or paganistic world. Those of us who are in pursuit of higher education, and those who may feel that as to have attained must never forget that Christ has laid the foundation and we must be aware how we build there upon. Thus, each of us are to become instruments in the hands of God modling and shaping up His world and universe as he wish it to be.

Those who have not made a commitment are hereby urged to do so, *now!* The future that we like talk about may never come. Therefore, we urged to do so the day we hear the message of God. Our world is unstable and unceratin, but the Bible urged our immediate acceptance of God the complete source of our very being, physical, psychological, spiritual or any other ideological realm that we may express. Let us all come together and live together as one big happy family under the brotherhood of Jesus Christ and the Fatherhood of God.

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Darnell L. Walker

What's The Point?

In recent issues of The Panther there have been articles written concerning the worth, or to be more precise, unworthiness of Greek letter organizations. These attacks have, in essence, been pointless scribbblings that reflect something short of destructive criticism. It is a commonly accepted fact that Greek letter organizations have been instrumental in promoting the advancement of Black society. There wa, once a time that without 'ie minds and efforts of Black scholars, politicians and orators that comprised the better part of these Greek Letter organizations, we would have had little else to fall back on. This is not to discredit the worth of a non-Greek organization but merely to point out that they should work with, not against organizations more established than themselves. It is also clear that even the implication of these organizations attempting to disprove the worth of Greekdom does nothing but create self-ridicule. Many members of Greek organizations maintain that the better portion of members of non-greek groups wanted to pledge a Greek, but weren't able due to academic, financial or other reasons. I, however, contend that there is some worth in these groups because some do in all sincerity promote

the progress of Black society. Kappa Alpha Psi, Zeta Phi Beta, Omega Psi Phi, Sigma Gamma Rho, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, Delta Sigma Theta and Alpha Phi Alpha. To list the accomplishments and contributions of these organizations to the betterment of the Black condition, there would be the demand for more space than the size of this publication allows. But, as I quote one article, "Non-greeks aren't seventy years old either."

The wish of Greekdom on Prairie View A&M University's campus is to work in total harmony with all other elements of student life, and this is inclusive of non-greek organizations, and societies. My closing plea: Why can't we be friends?

Stan E. Lawrence

Pantherette Slated For TV Appearance

Debria Williams, a member of the 1976-77 Pantherette basketball team will be a guest on TURN ON, which will be aired Sunday, February 5, Channel 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Debria, who was selected to play in the World Games last summer was injured and hasn't played this season.

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Free Enterprise System Explained -

Students Challenged to Imagine Creativity

Four Prairie View A&M University business students participated in a two-day dialogue in September with outstanding business leaders and students from fourteen other Texas and Louisiana colleges and universities.

Accompanied by Mr. Carl Moore, the students have returned with the challenge to creativity and imaginatively explain the American free enterprise system to the college, community, area high schools,

and other persons in the community.

During the two-day session hosted by Dow Chemical Company in Freeport, Texas, Annecia Childers, Lawrence Pope, Jeffery Bourgeois, and Sheryl Thomas were provided

with information on current problems facing the free enterprise system and acquainted with various films and other materials available for them to use in developing programs that effectively communicate the superiority of,

and the needs of, the American Free Enterprise and Incentive System.

Late next spring, the students and one faculty sponsor will return to Freeport, where a panel of distinguished men and women will judge the effectiveness of their free enterprise program, as well as those of the other fourteen participating schools.

A \$2,000 first place prize will be awarded to the school with the best program.

Prairie View's Free Enterprise Center for Creative Incentive expects to form a business advisory council of five to ten business people to assist them with their project. The center is also looking for other interested students to get involved, and learn with them why the American Free Enterprise and Incentive System, even with its imperfections, has brought us to the highest standard of living history has known.

Other Texas universities participating included: Brazosport College, Clute; Angelina College Lufking; Houston Baptist University, Houston; East Texas State University, Commerce; Texas Lutheran College, Seguin; Austin Community College, Austin; University of Houston, Houston; St. Mary's University, San Antonio; Hill Jr. College, Hillsboro; Blinn College, Brenham; and Bee County College, Beeville. From Louisiana: Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe; University of Southwest Louisiana, Lafayette; and Northwest

Louisiana State University, Natchitoshes.

Upon returning to the campus Ms. Childers, Mr. Pope, Ms. Thomas, and Mr. Bourgeois met with Dr. A. I. Thomas to discuss the possibilities of organizing a free enterprise center on Prairie View's campus. Dr. Thomas gave his approval for the initiation of the program after hearing the students impressive account of their trip to Freeport, and their enthusiasm over the idea of organizing a free enterprise center on the campus.

At the present time the Executive Committee of Prairie View's Free Enterprise Center for Creative Incentive, composed of several students, faculty and Dr. A. I. Thomas, has sponsored one of the numerous workshops planned for the campus. The center is eager to report the wonderful turn-out and participation of both students and faculty in the workshop held Saturday, November 19, 1977.

There are a series of films, lectures and workshops planned for the spring semester. The executive committee of Prairie View's Free Enterprise Center for Creative Incentive extends an invitation to all interested persons to attend any of the activities.

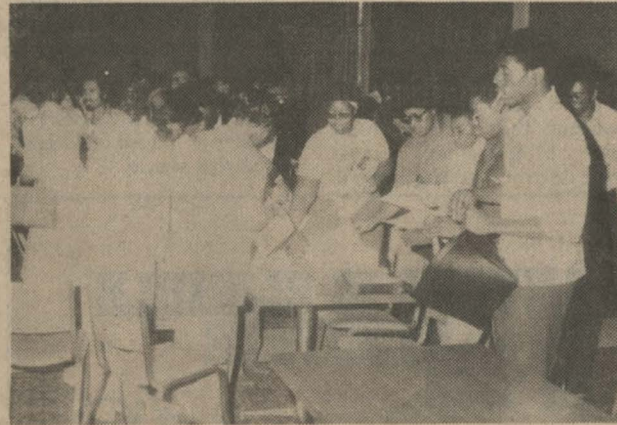
Sincerely,
Cynthialynn Patterson
Public Awareness



Ken Blow interviews Dr. Thomas, Cynthia Patterson and Larry Pope.



Dean Ragland discusses some aspects of the American Free Enterprise System.



Pamphlets and other free enterprise articles were viewed by participants.



Sonny Davis addresses students and faculty members.



Free Enterprise Workshop speakers pose for snapshot with Dr. Thomas, faculty and some students.

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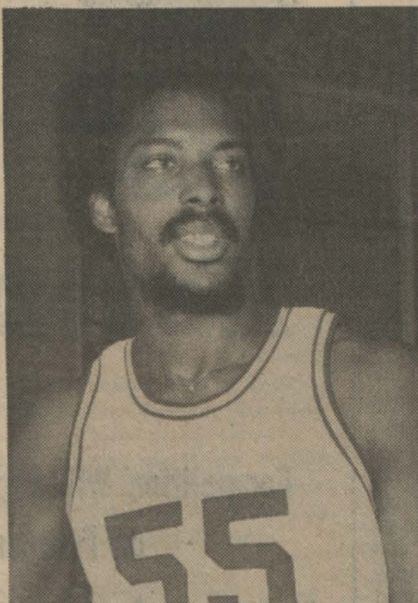
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SPORTS AWARD

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

(1st Week)

DENNIS WAYNE — 6-6 Senior Forward from
San Antonio. Scored 41 points.



WALKER

S.W.A.C. PLAYER OF THE WEEK
LARRY SMITH — Forward
Alcorn State

Auditioning Time

It's time for "TEXAS" auditions. The directors of the famous musical drama which played to 98,000 people in its 12th season last year, will be hearing talent for the new season in Dallas on Saturday, January 28, 1978 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Performance Hall (Market, between Elm and Main Streets) at El Centro College in Dallas.

The following day, January 29, they will be in Houston at the Dudley Recital Hall, Fine Arts Building at the University of Houston from 12:30-3:30.

The choreographer will meet the dancers at 3:00 p.m. in Dallas and at 2:30 p.m. in Houston. They will need rehearsal clothes.

For more information contact the Publications Office at 857-2117 or come by room 112 in the Teachers Center.

Sociology Dept. Sponsors Career Day Conference

Students and faculty of the Department of Sociology and Social Work participated in a successful Career Day Program in Mid-December.

Featured speakers were Mrs. Lillian Petty and Mrs. M. Helen Neville, Regional Officers for the State Department of Human Resources, Mr. Cal Vorner, Texas Youth Council, Ms. D. Whites, University of Houston, School of Social Work, Mrs. Thelma Pierre, Director of Community Health, Prairie View A&M University, Mr. Bernest Mitchell, 1974 Department of Sociology and

Social Work, Prairie View graduate representing the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation and Mrs. Cormelia Locklear, Harris County Child Welfare Department — Adopt Black Children Project.

Members of the Sociology/Social Work Club, Ms. Cathy Vincent, president served as attendants. Mr. Robert Hebron, Senior Social Work major was moderator.

The conference was marked an Operation Success by all who attended.

Panther Dennis Wayne, A Music Lover

Ever since he was a five year old tot growing up in San Antonio, Texas, Dennis Wayne, Prairie View's 6-6 senior forward and All America candidate has been playing a musical instrument.

"I started playing the guitar when I was five," said the number three scorer (22.3) in the Southwestern Athletic Conference. "When I was six I started playing the drum," he continued.

It wasn't long before Dennis' talent was discovered by professional musicians. "My first professional gig was in a night club in San Antonio when I was nine," he continued. "I went on the road with the Stylistics. That was my first break to travel. I had to quit to return to school," said Wayne.

After graduating from Robert E. Lee High School in San Antonio, where he was a

member of the state finalist team he entered Prairie View where he continued to pursue his musical career. "I organized a group on campus called the 'Free Expression,'" he said. "We performed the opening act for entertainers like Rufus and the Ohio Players, who came to Prairie View. We broke up because I was a freshman and all the other guys were seniors," he continued.

Dennis biggest trip was on a tour to Alaska with the Warlocks the summer of 1976.

Like every athlete the slam dunk artist would like to play professional basketball. "I would like to play pro basketball," he said. "But I don't know whatever will come will come. I will continue to play music. I would also like to go back to grad school and get a degree in Veterinarian Science," continued Dennis who is majoring in Sociology.

How does he look at the remainder of the Panther season. "I still say we are going to Kansas City," he continued speaking of the site of the NAIA National Basketball Tournament.

However, this weekend, Dennis and the rest of his Panther teammates will travel to Grambling and Alcorn for SWAC games before returning home to host Southern and Jackson in the Little Dome February 3-4.



SNOW AT PV? Yep. Not a great deal but enough to make a pretty campus picture — (for the records).

Wright Looks at 1978 PV Track Prospects

By Joe Booker

Coach Hoover Wright, head track coach at Prairie View A&M University has his share of glory in the track circuit.

Under the guidance of Wright Prairie View track teams have won four National and two Southwestern Athletic Conference titles. Wright has been named SWAC and NAIA track coach of the year. He was

assistant coach at the 1972 Olympics and recently was inducted into the NAIA Track Coaches Hall of Fame.

The late 60's and early 70's were the twilight of Wright's career. He had people like Fred Newhouse, a gold medal winner in the 1976 Olympics; Felix Johnson, who still holds the Southwestern Athletic Conference 880 record (1:46-5, 1969); Jesse Ball, a national record pacer in the hurdlers and Alvin Dotson, a class quartermiler.

While there are no Newhouses, Johnson's or Dotson's on the current team Wright is optimistic the team will be competitive.

"It's hard to tell how good we will be this early, because we have been limited to running inside," said Wright who is

Eddie Robinson, First Black Coach In The Pros?

Eddie Robinson, head football coach for Grambling State University, has been invited to Los Angeles for an interview with the owner of the L. A. Rams for the position of head coach. This position was recently occupied by Chuck Knox, who resigned to become head coach for the New York team the Buffalo Bills.

Eddie Robinson has a reputation for being one of the best football coaches in colleges. He has been coaching Grambling football team for over 30 years, and has kept his team at the top of the S.W.A.C. charts. Grambling is also the leader in putting out top Black professional football players. One of Robinson's most recent wonders Douglas William, a nominated Hieseman Trophy man, and a winning quarterback with a strong throwing arm as well as peed.

The successfulness of Grambling's football team is probably in its self proof of the ability of Eddie Robinson as an outstanding coach.

Should Eddie Robinson be chosen head coach for the Los Angeles Rams it would be a first for Black coaches in professional football and another racial barrier broken by the Blacks.

Jerri Kemp Barnes

Jackson & Southern Next — Nation's Top Scorers Slated for PV Dome

Purvis Short, Jackson State's 6-7 senior forward who leads the nation with over 31 points a game and Southern University's 6-7 junior forward Frankie Sanders, the Nation's fourth leading scorer with over 27 points a game, will visit the Little Dome when the Panthers host Southern and Jackson State this week.

The Panthers will host Southern University Friday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. and Jackson State Saturday, February 4, at 7:30 p.m. in Southwestern Athletic Conference games.

Sanders scored 54 points against Dillard two weeks ago, while Short has scored 42 points in a game.

The Jaguars have three players who averages 20 points or better. Sanders (27.5), Collie Davis (20.5) and Greg Green (20.9).

The Panthers boast five players in double figures. All

past-president of the NAIA track Coaches Association.

"We did well at the PVU Winter Relays and the all Comer's meets, but that was early in the year," continued Wright who has learned from experience that it's not always a good policy to be too quick in praising his team.

Last season the Panthers lacked the speed needed in the sprint relays, but Wright hopes that problems has at least been partly solved. "We went out

America Candidate Dennis Wayne leads with (23.0), George Walker (19.4), Larry Hagan, (19.8), Carl Pierson (13.0) and George Campbell (17.1).

The Panthers had big SWAC wins over TSU (75-60) and Grambling (85-80) two weeks ago.

The Panthers will host Mississippi Valley, Saturday, February 11, and end their home season against Texas College Monday, February 13, which will be "Dr. J." Poster Night.

Free Posters will be given to each person who purchases a ticket to the PVU vs. Texas College game.

The Panthers will travel to TSU February 18, and close out the regular season at Houston Tillotson, February 20.

They play in the SWAC tournament in Baton Rouge, February 23-25.

and got some good sprinters and should be improved in that area," said Wright.

As usually, the Panthers will be strong in the mile and two mile relay. They finished second at the Conference spring meet last year with a 3:07.1 in the mile relay. "We should be better in the mile relay in that we lost only one member and we got a good replacement," concluded Wright whose next meet is the NAIA National Indoor in Kansas City, Mo.

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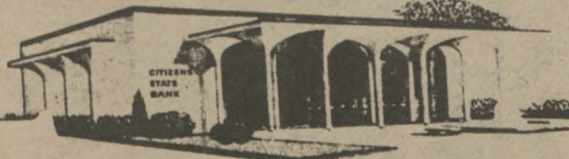
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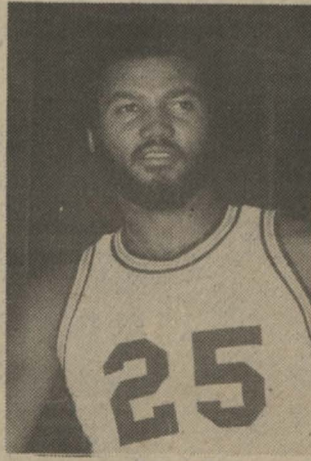
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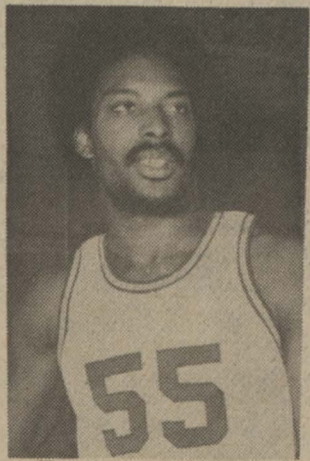
(2nd Week)

GEORGE WALKER — 6-2 Junior Guard from Houston, Texas. Scored 23 points and 15 assists in game with Grambling.

DENNIS WAYNE — 6-6 Senior forward from San Antonio. Scored 31 points vs. Alcorn.



WALKER



WAYNE

S.W.A.C. PLAYER OF THE WEEK
FRANKIE SANDERS — All-American Forward, Southern University



Panther Sports activities in photographs — Scene: Basketball Action, Time: Every Week.

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Campus organizations take time from busy schedules to pose for group and activity photos. Many plan observance of Centennial Anniversary.